
Secretarial/Administration Priorities

Source: Secretary Glickman's presentation to Congress on United States Department of Agriculture Key FY 2001 Budget Objectives

- **Provide Services in Rural America**
 - Housing Systems
 - Technology
 - Water and Sewer
- **Invest in Research and Education**
 - Biobased Products
 - Invasive Species
- **Strengthen the Farm Safety Net**
 - Farm Income
 - Risk Management
 - Conservation
 - Economic Opportunity
- **Provide Food Assistance to Needy Americans**
 - Food Stamps
 - School Meals
 - WIC
 - Community Food Security
- **Marketing and Inspection**
 - Market Concentration
 - Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting
 - Protect Agriculture from Emerging Pest and Disease Threats
- **Enhance Customer Access and Service**
 - Civil Rights
 - Technology
 - Small Scale Farmers
 - Management Systems
- **Protect Natural Resources**
 - Lands Legacy
 - Clean Water
- **Ensure Food Safety**
 - President's Food Safety Initiative
 - Education
 - Research

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Source: **FY 2001 BUDGET SUMMARY**

■ **FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES**

- Reform crop insurance to protect producers from lower prices and production losses.
- Provide farm credit assistance to over 38,500 farmers in 2001.
- Continue efforts to improve agricultural trade by providing a total program level of nearly \$5.8 billion for the Departments international programs and activities.
- Continue to maintain strong farm income assistance programs including implementation of the emergency and market loss assistance programs authorized by the Congress in 1999 and propose new improved programs.

■ **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Funding to support the President's National Homeownership Initiative by making almost 64,000 more homeownership opportunities available in rural America.
- Continuing support for the water and waste disposal program.
- Business and industry loan funding to create or save over 40,000 jobs in rural America.

■ **FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

- Funding to support 18.9 million Food Stamp participants. Legislative proposals are being submitted which would restore Food Stamp eligibility to legal immigrants who entered the U.S. before August 22, 1996, and who have since reached the age of 65 or live in households with eligible children. Both of these legislative proposals would be fully implemented by 2003.
- \$10.4 billion for Child Nutrition Programs, including \$6 million to complete funding for the pilot project to evaluate providing breakfasts to all children regardless of income.
- Funding for the WIC Program to support a monthly average of 7.4 million participants with an objective of reaching 7.5 million participants by the end of the year.
- A \$5 million increase to expand the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to additional States and Tribal Organizations and to serve additional participants within the 39 States and Tribal Organizations already participating.
- Funding to initiate a new Colonias Initiative to promote nutrition assistance, health care, and job training and placement to eligible participants.

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■ **FOOD SAFETY**

- Implement HACCP-based inspection procedures.
- Enhance the implementation of the Pathogen Reduction-HACCP systems rule.
- Continue efforts aimed at reducing the risk of foodborne illness under the President's Food Safety Initiative.

■ **NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

- Protect productive farmland, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance farm family income as part of the President's Farm Safety Net Initiative.
- Provide additional technical and financial assistance to enhance the conservation of natural resources, including water quality improvements under the President's Clean Water Action Plan.
- Preserve open space, and support smart growth as part of the President's Lands Legacy Initiative.
- Enhance the ability of the National Forest System to meet multiple demands.
- Provide the necessary scientific foundation for sound management of public forest and rangelands.

■ **MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS**

- Protect American agriculture from plant pests and animal diseases.
- Expand economic and trade opportunities for agricultural producers.

■ **RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS**

- Prevent and control exotic diseases and pests that threaten U.S. agriculture.
- Accelerate the development, production, and commercialization of biobased products.
- Develop and transfer to producers sound production practices to protect the environment.
- Expand higher education capacity in agricultural and food sciences.
- Bolster local food systems to fight hunger.
- Conduct research on structural changes and market concentration taking place in the agricultural sector.

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■ DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

- Ensure the achievement of the Secretary's Civil Rights goals.
- Implement a Cyber Security Program to protect USDA's information technology systems.
- Streamline and provide modern technology for the county offices.
- Improve financial management and reporting.
- Provide a safe and effective working environment for USDA employees and clients.
- Protect human health and the environment by accelerating cleanup efforts at contaminated sites under USDA jurisdiction, custody, and control.

■ MAJOR FY 2000 USDA PROGRAM INITIATIVES

- Fund for Rural America
- Farm Safety Net Improvements
- Farm Income
- Food Stamp Enhancement
- Food Safety Initiative
- Biobased Products/Bioenergy Initiative
- Lands Legacy Initiative
- Invasive Species
- Food Quality Protection Act
- Clean Water Action Plan
- Global Change Research Program
- Climate Change Technology Initiative